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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/638,231	Applicant(s) JONES ET AL.	
	Examiner ANAND BHATNAGAR	Art Unit 2624	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period **will** apply and **will** expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-26, 28-38, 41-43, 47, 48, 51-53 and 57-60 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 22-26, 28-36, 42, 43, 52, 53, 58 and 60 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-21, 37, 38, 41, 47, 48, 51, 57, and 59 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08/07/03 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. Applicant's amendment filed on 10/22/09 has been entered and made of record.
2. Applicant has amended claims 37, therefore the 35USC 101 rejection to this claim as well as claims 38 and 41 is withdrawn. Claims 10, 27, 39, 40, 44-46, 49, 50, 54-56, 61-68 have been canceled. Claims 22-26, 28-36, 42, 43, 52, 53, 58, and 60 have been withdrawn in the response, filed 01/12/09, to examiner's restriction filed 12/10/08. Currently, claims 1-9, 11-26, 28-38, 41-43, 47, 48, 51-53, and 57-60 are pending. Examiner refers to the action below.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-9, 11-21, 37, 38, 41, 47, 48, 51, 57, and 59 are allowed.
4. Applicant's arguments, see remarks pages 10-13, filed 10/22/09, with respect to claims 1, 37, 47, and 57 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35USC 101 rejection of claims 37, 38, and 41, 35USC 102 (e) rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 11-13, 16-21, 37, 38, 41, 47, 48, 51, and 57, and 35USC 103(a) rejection of claims 3, 5, 14, and 15 have been withdrawn.

Conclusion

5. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: For the presence of non-elected, with traverse, claims 22-26, 28-36, 42, 43, 52, 53, 58, and 60.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANAND BHATNAGAR whose telephone number is (571)272-7416. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on 571-272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Anand Bhatnagar/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2624
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